



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY

NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

September 15, 2022

6:00 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1 Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Mike Peters, Councilman Peter Altman, Councilman Matt Murphy and Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Police Chief Kim Bogart, Interim Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Economic Development Director Barbara Carr, Library Director Andi Figart, Technology and Innovations Director Robert Greene and Parks and Recreation Director Terri Moore.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Business Items

a. First Public Hearing - FY22-23 Operating Budget & Capital Improvement Program - Page 3

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a first public hearing on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. She stated there have been many challenges over the past year. She stated she is fortunate to have a great team to work with on putting together the budget. City Manager Manns stated that Crystal Feast was participating via electronically and would provide a budget overview. Mrs. Feast began her presentation by stating the total budget being presented is \$82,902,330 with the General Fund being the highest at \$28,730,720. Mrs. Feast then highlighted the General Fund expenditures with the largest budget being Police followed by Public Works. She stated the millage rate proposed is 8.4500 mills. Mrs. Feast then highlighted the increase in property taxable values, the increase costs of health insurance, increased fuel costs, stagnant State revenues and an increase in general liability, property and flood insurance. Other highlights included an increase in retirement contributions and 4 proposed positions. Mrs. Feast then highlighted the CIP which totaled \$24,395,900. Mrs. Feast stated the projected revenues are \$28,608,300 and expenditures are \$28,730,720 and used carryover funds in the amount of \$122,420. Mayor Marlowe then opened the floor for public comment. With no one coming

forward, Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council.

City Attorney Driscoll read Resolution No. 2022-13 by title only. Motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2022-13 adopting the tentative millage rate as presented. Motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 at 6:15 p.m.

City Attorney Driscoll read Resolution No. 2022-14 by title only. Motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2022-14 adopting the tentative budget for FY20/21 and the CIP for FY20/21 as presented. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Peters and seconded by Councilwoman Mothershead. Councilman Altman stated the CRA is allowing us to focus on economic development. He stated that we are well positioned to sustain ourselves. Councilman Altman stated that he will be asking if some of the warehousing fleet construction cost could be part of the water and sewer fund and any potential charge backs. Councilman Altman then highlighted some of the points from the Library's Strategic Plan that was presented earlier this week. Mayor Marlowe stated he was very impressed with the CIP. He stated there is a lot of interest from residents in the alley program. There is also interest in the overpass project. Motion passed 5-0 at 6:25 p.m.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

5 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated that Councilman Altman's comment about the practice space for the orchestra at Tuesday's work session is to have the Library do an inventory of all public halls that are available in our community including churches to see if any of the agencies who have control would entertain the idea of letting the group use them for rehearsal purposes. He stated this weekend GHS is celebrating their 100th anniversary and the Hacienda Hotel is open tonight. Councilman Murphy thanked the staff for their hard work on the budget. He stated the Hacienda Gala was a wonderful event. Deputy Mayor Peters stated there were three events that took place last weekend with the gala, recovery walk and mobile exhibit. Councilwoman Mothershead stated the whole 9/11 event was well attended. She stated she has a video and will forward it on as it depicts the city well. Mayor Marlowe thanked Public Works and the first responders for their hard work with the weather event last weekend.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____